

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC) MEETING
Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana
July 11, 2011 1:00 P.M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chairman Mike Garvey of the IERC, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL TO ORDER

Mike Garvey – IDHS	Bruce Palin – IDEM
Jim Pridgen – Industry Representative	Sherman Greer – Local Government
Gerri Husband – State Representative	Brent Johnson - State Representative
Carol Shelby – Public Representative	Shawn French – Industry Representative
Roger Powers – Local Government	

The following Commission members were absent:

Dean Larson – Public Representative	Brian Lott – Local Government
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The following staff members were present:

John Steel – IDHS	Mara Snyder - IDHS
Laura Steadham – IDEM	Ian Ewusi – IDHS/IDEM

The following members of the audience were present:

Barbara Humphrey – IDEM	Chad Hilton – Indiana State Police
Jeff Larmore – Marion County LEPC	Jim Plum – Jefferson County LEPC

QUORUM

LEPC Coordinator indicated a quorum was present

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve and adopt the minutes from the June 6, 2011, meeting was made by Ms. Shelby and seconded by Mr. Pridgen. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chairman Garvey referred to Ms. Snyder to provide a legislative update. Ms. Snyder reported that draft legislation was being worked on that would recognize areas of need and update statutes, provide rulemaking authority to the IERC, provide funding to regional haz-mat teams, by allowing the IERC to reallocate funds. This legislation was submitted and seeking permission to move forward and will be seeking support from the LEPCs.

Chairman Garvey concluded that a disaster declaration was approved for 32 counties, but denied for individual assistance, and will be appealing this decision with FEMA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee—Sherman Greer, Chair

Mr. Greer reported on the morning meeting of the Communications Committee and the following LEPCs were selected to receive an award for their efforts;

- Hancock County – Administrative
- Brown County – Administrative
- Elkhart County – Commodity Flow Study and Training
- Jefferson County – Commodity Flow Study
- Johnson County – Exercise
- Deklab County – Hazard Analysis

Policy/Technical Committee—James Pridgen/Dean Larson, Co-Chairs

Mr. Pridgen did a summary of the white paper drafted by Mr Ewusi. He requested that the IERC members review this and provide input. It is intended that this will be implemented later this year.

Training Committee—Brian Lott, Chair

No Report

Fiscal Committee—Bruce Palin, Chair

Mr. Palin reported that he has not received any report on the end of year fiscal report and will present at a future meeting. Further discussion included looking to see what funds are in inactive counties and how much money was not distributed and fees collected after July 1, 2011.

Mr. Pridgen made a motion to accept committee reports, second by Mr. French. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Major Johnson introduced Chad Hilton of the Indiana State Police, and Supt. Whitesell will be appointing him as his proxy.

Gerri Husband, reported the IDHS Field Services Division will be holding a meeting with the stakeholders on July 21, 2011 to look at the different programs like radiological, CBRNE, IERC/LEPC and how state and federal statutes, funding and assets.

Shawn French brought up the new Global Harmonization Standards that will address MSDS and labeling to international standards.

REPORT OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Ewusi made the following reports;

- Switzerland County; Have worked out an agreement with Switzerland County, \$4,995.00 will be returned to the LEPC, the rest of the expenditures have been determined to be appropriate.
- Funding Status, 64 counties are fully compliant and will be funded, expected another 4 will complete their 2010 reporting and their funding will be released shortly.
- Harrison County will be funded for the first time in many years
- CAMEO training; Completed training in St. Joseph County, IVY Tech and IDEM responders, still coordinating with Marshall County to set up a training date.
- EPCRA Reporting; Had meeting with the section at IDEM that handles EPCRA Reporting to address issues with spill reporting. Not all spills meet EPCRA guidelines. It is hoped to have this information submitted electronically in the future.
- Ethics; Ethics training rosters have been distributed to the LEPCs, to date 20 LEPCs have complied.
- LEPC Reporting; Continuing to review different programs to what is suitable for LEPCs to submit their records.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER APPROVALS

Mr. Ewusi reported that the following 4 counties had submitted new or updated rosters for approval:

Elkhart Jay Steuben Rush

Ms. Shelby made a motion to approve the rosters and was seconded by Mr. Palin. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LEPC COMMENTS

Jim Plum with the Jefferson County LEPC reported missing 3 facilities on Tier II facilities in Jefferson County, and asked how to change, when address is wrong and the facility has moved. Mr. Plum was advised that the report of the facility is location based and will need to file with IDEM if the company has moved, and will look into this with IDEM.

Jeff Larmore with the Marion County LEPC addressed concerns with the iGMS system, which caused them to spend \$5,500 in HMEP funds, since there were different categories. His LEPC will send a letter to IDHS to further address this.

EPA COMMENTS

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Report

NEXT MEETING

September 12, 2011, 1:00pm
Indiana Government Center South Conference Room 14
Indianapolis, Indiana

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Michael Garvey, Chair